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UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT HARRIET EATON

this work is

reverently inscribed to them.

"So thoroughly is Powder House Rock identified with the social life of this community that it has come to be regarded as almost a sacred spot, dear to the present dwellers in the village, and to the sons and daughters of Dedham scattered throughout the land."

(Proceedings 250th Anniversary of Dedham.)

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POWDER HOUSE ROCK.

EATON FAMILY

OF DEDHAM

Massachusetts

AND THE

POWDER HOUSE ROCK

By JOHN EATON ALDEN

OF NEWTON, MASS.

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EATON FAMILY.

THERE are several unsolved questions of interest connected with the annals of the Eaton Family of Dedham, and some light may be thrown on them by the following extracts from records. Among these questions are, first, the location of the homestead of the early generations; and, second, the date of death of John Eaton.[2] This question seems simple, and the answer not very important, but the other information developed as the search for this date progressed.

The fact that one branch of the family comes through a series of John Eatons, father and son, from the emigrant to the present day; and also because the old farm on Purgatory Plain, has been in continuous possession of several generations of these John Eatons, has led to the tradition that this farm was occupied by the first John Eaton soon after the town was settled, and held by him and his descendants of the same name ever since. A historian of the family, after a visit to John Eaton[7], wrote: "He inherited the old Eaton home of all his American ancestors." The order of succession has been as follows:—

JOHN[1] (died Nov. 17, 1658) and Abigail ( ) Eaton.
JOHN[2] (died) and Alice ( ) Eaton.
JOHN[3] (died Oct. 28, 1694,) and Ann (Whiting) Eaton.
JOHN[4] (died Feb. 23, 1770,) and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton.
JOHN[5] (died May 14, 1777,) and Desire (Smith) Eaton.

JOHN[6] (died March 24, 1842) and Hannah (Endicott) Eaton.

JOHN[7] (died July 7, 1890,) and Harriet (Dean) Eaton.

While the past was dim and obscure as it has been till within a few years, no one had any thought as to whether the tradition was true or not. The fact that John Eaton[7], recently deceased, never saw his own grandfather (who had died more than twenty years before his birth) may have led to his giving little thought to that or previous generations; and his somewhat full notes of births, marriages, etc., related only to people living in his own day. But now that the subject is discussed, we see that it would have been impracticable for John Eaton[1] to live so far from the village. "A law of the colony compelled the first settlers to build their houses near each other. The necessity of this law continued more than fifty years." "The first settlers agreed that each married man should have a house lot of twelve acres, part upland and part meadow; but they must necessarily be near each other, on the margin of the meadows near the modern village. In 1664 there were 95 small houses near where the Court House now stands."

In those days Indians were in and about Wigwam and Purgatory Swamps; in fact they did not entirely disappear from the last named region for more than one hundred and seventy-five years after the town was settled. John Eaton[7] has told me that in his youth he was taught to make baskets by an old Indian who lived near the "Indian cornfield" on the border of Purgatory Swamp. That was about the year 1812. On May 11, 1637, it was voted:

Whereas ye evill disposicon of ye Natiues hath caused vs of late to vnd^r^goe very much watching and wardings &c wherby much expence of municon &c hath ben amongst vs to our greate Charge & detrim^t^ . . . eu^r^y man that henceforth shalbe admitted vnto us shall p^r^sently paye . . . Ten shillings . . . for municon."

Wild beasts of a dangerous character, wolves and wildcats, also roamed through these wilds; and as there was an extensive tract suitable for their haunts, lying between the Canton and Green Lodge roads, so rough that it has remained in its primitive condition to the present time, it is evident that the way from the village to the site of the Purgatory farm was bordered by a dangerous region for its whole extent. As late as 1682, twenty-four years after John Eaton[1] had died, a vote was passed "that no one of the inhabitants should remove to a greater distance than two miles from the meeting house without special license." The Purgatory farm is nearly four miles distant from the village.

It is true that the early colonists were attracted by rich meadow lands bordering rivers, notwithstanding the fearful dangers often experienced, as witness the settlements at Deerfield and on the Housatonic River. But that was at a later time, after the numbers of the colonists had increased. When Dedham was settled there was room enough for its people on the margin of the extensive meadows of the Charles River. A reason for locating on such lands was that though the country generally was buried in forest, the meadows were mostly free from trees, giving immediate opportunity for gathering hay and other crops. And much of the Charles River border was drier than it has been since dams were built down the stream.

On account of the excellent grass growing on the meadows of the Neponset River the first Dedham people took up lots there and visited them in the haying season. Some items in the inventory of the estate of John Eaton[1] relating to the Fowl Meadows as they were then and have ever since been called, seemed to confirm the tradition that his dwelling was in that vicinity.

An extensive tract, being then a part of Dorchester, and afterwards set off to Stoughton, lying west of Nepon-

set River and south of Mother Brook, and including Readville, Green Lodge and Purgatory Plain, belonged to Governor William Stoughton. Annals say there was but one house in the whole region as early as 1638, and that it was not settled to any extent until soon after 1720, when the heirs of Governor Stoughton began to dispose of the property.

John Eaton[4] bought a portion of this land.

Date Oct. 3, 1719, acknowledged Oct. 14, 1720, entered Feb. 15, 1721. John Nelson and Elizabeth his wife, for £640, paid £320 by Joseph Wight, £213.6.8 by John Eaton, and the remainder by Peter Thorp do sell to them a certain Tract lying in Dorchester, 350 acres more or less. Also a piece of meadow land on East side of Naponsett river of 24 acres . . . . all of which granted lands are part of a Large Tract formerly belonging to the Honb^le William Stoughton, descended to said John and Elizabeth Nelson. (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. XXXV., p. 249.)

WIGHT, EATON and THORP,
divisional agreement.

Date July 12, 1720; acknowledged Aug. 5, 1720. Entered Feb. 15, 1721. Between Joseph Wight, Jr., John Eaton, and Peter Thorp, Senr, whereas they own 350 acres more or less on northwest side of Naponsett River and 24 acres on southeast side of said River, i. e. Joseph Wight one half, John Eaton one third, Peter Thorp one sixth; it is agreed that Joseph Wight have 164 acres more or less, . . . and John Eaton have one third, i. e. on northwest side of River 21 acres of woodland and 90 acres of Shrubb plain, in whole 111 acres bordering Purgatory Swamp, and 14 acres meadow land bounded southwesterly by Naponsett River. . . . One sixth to Peter Thorp Senr. (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. XXXV., p. 250.)

The above deeds show the first purchase and occupation as a home of the Eaton farm on Purgatory Plain. A few years afterward, the inconvenience of being citizens of Stoughton was such that on Nov. 29, 1732, James Draper, Henry Crane, Robert Swan, Jeremiah Whiting, John Eaton, Ebenezer Draper and Thomas Witherby petitioned to the General Court "that they and their fami-

lies and estates may be set off from Stoughton and annexed to Dedham"; and it was done on May 14, 1733.

This John Eaton was son of John[3] and Ann (Whiting) Eaton, and was born April 4, 1695, six months after his father had died. He married April 23, 1729, Elizabeth Lovering of Roxbury, born May 19, 1708, daughter of Robert and Alice (Craft) Lovering. Elizabeth died Oct. 8, 1754, and he died Feb. 23, 1770; their children:—

ELIZABETH, b. 27 Sept., 1730; m. 11 Jan., 1753, John Ruggles of Wrentham. Children:—

John, b. 27 Sept., 1753.
Jeremiah, b. 26 Dec., 1755.
Joel, m. 6 Dec., 1781, Elona Pond.
Josiah, b. 24 Feb., 1768.

11 JOHN[5], b. 3 June 1732; m. 12 June 1755, Desire Smith.

12, ROBERT, b. 13 April 1734; m. Abigail Payn, intention published 5 Oct., 1772.

ABIGAIL, b. 13 Jan. 1736; m. 21 Jan., 1755, Lemuel Whiting of Attleboro.

SARAH, b. 30 Dec., 1738; m. 1st, 2 Nov., 1758, Phineas Dana of Dedham; m. 2dly, 10 Dec., 1772, Joshua Dean, Jr. They removed to Warwick. Children:—

David, b. 26 Feb., 1760; m. Rebecca Richards, 1784, and lived in Dedham: d. 6 May, 1812.
Phineas, b. 26 March, 1762, went to Norfolk, Va.
Jesse, b. 25 March, 1767; settled in Sterling.
Sarah, b. in Warwick, 1 Nov., 1774; d. 8 Oct., 1862. She m. Bunyan Penniman and had eleven children.

ALICE, b. 31 Jan., 1741; m. 8 April, 1762, Abijah Draper of Green Lodge in Dedham. She died 22 Jan., 1777. Children:—

Abijah, b. 11 June, 1764.
Ira, b. 11 Jan., 1765.
Rufus, b. 13 Nov., 1766.
James, b. 16 April, 1769.
Alice, b. 21 April, 1771.
Abijah, b. 1 Oct., 1775.

13. THOMAS, b. 20 May, 1743; m. 26 Dec., 1769, Sarah Whiting. She d. 5 Dec., 1789.
14 ISAAC, b. 31 July, 1745; d. 17 Jan., 1822.
15. JOSEPH, b. 28 March, 1748; d. 24 Sept., 1772.

In 1761, John Eaton[4] probably felt the weight of years and the care of the farm pressing upon him; his wife had died, his daughters were being married and leaving him with no one to look after the duties usually attended to by the women; and he gave up the farm to two of his sons who were of age at that time.

Date 28 Jany, 1761. Acknowledged Aug. 1, 1766. Entered Sept. 24, 1771. "I, John Eaton of Dedham, Husbandman, for £347 paid by John Eaton, Jr. and Robert Eaton, Husbandmen . . . have sold to each alike one house and land and barn outhouse and outlands in Dedham being my homestead consisting of my dwelling house and barn carthouse &c. and about 170 acres meadow swamp and upland and a meadow lot in Stoughton, and a lot in Purgatory Swamp, and another lot in Swamp of five acres . . . I own this estate." (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. CXX., p. 23.)

A few years later, Robert and his wife, together with his sister Sarah and her husband, Joshua Dean, Jr., removed to Warwick, Mass. "June 7, 1778, Robert Eaton and wife dismissed to church in Warwick." (Dedham Church Records.) The following deed is among the family papers, not recorded:—

31 October, 1765. I, Robert Eaton of Dedham for £260. paid by John Eaton, Jr . . . sell to him my whole right in the whole of the estate Real and Personal which our father John Eaton of Dedham sold to me being the one half of the said Estate, as by a Deed dated Jan. 28, 1761, containing the whole of his house and lands.

in presence of ROBERT EATON. (Seal)
SUSANNA FRIZELL
JOSEPH METCALFE.

These deeds and annals prove clearly that the beginning of the Purgatory farm was by John Eaton[4]; and it continued in the family, being held and occupied by John

Eaton[5], John Eaton[6] and John Eaton[7]. Several minor changes were made in settling with other children of the several generations, and some additional area was acquired; but the homestead, the house and barns, continued in possession of the above named. The first house was burned. John[5] wrote in his note book, "My house was burned Feb. 22, 1767. We moved into the New House July 2, 1767." It was rebuilt with the assistance of the neighbors. The second house also was burned. "Oct. 21, 1801, John Eaton's house burned." (The Ames Diary.) The third house was built immediately, and is still standing, but in 1899 it was moved some rods back of the original site. This farm is located on the Canton road, 3 3-4 miles from Dedham Court House; the house was the last one before coming to the Neponset River, which is about a mile southerly from it; and in this distance there is a descent of one hundred and fifty feet from the level of the Plain; this elevation giving very extensive and pleasant views in all directions. Oct. 21, 1897, the heirs of John Eaton[7] sold the whole property to Edmund D. and Stephen Codman of Boston.

We now take up the fortunes of the earlier generations, and, tracing their movements by the records, try to locate the original homestead.

JOHN EATON[1], born 1611, married ABIGAIL DAMON, a widow, born in 1600. Daniel C. Eaton, Professor of Botany of Yale College, and Secretary of the Eaton Family Association, in his report of 1890 says that the following records have been found in Dover, England :—

1630 JOHN ETON & Abigaile Damon married April 5.
1631 MARY, daughter of John Eaton, baptized March 20.
1633 JOHN the son of John Eaton baptized Oct. 7.
1634 JOHN the son of John Eaton buried Jan. 27.

And adds: "John Eaton was son of Nicholas, a jurate and churchwarden, and Katherine (Master) Eaton, and was baptized Aug. 21, 1611. He is mentioned in the will of his father's second wife, dated April 10, 1635, being set down for £10. That John, a boy of

19, should marry a widow of 29 or 30, with one, and possibly two children, is not improbable. John Eaton of Dedham was a man of good social position, of reputation and influence in the town, and died possessed of a fair estate. That he had some property on his arrival in New England is evident from the vote of the town, 28th 9th mo. 1637, accepting his offer "to lay downe unto the Towne either his **Lott in ye Island** or that six acres in ye playne he purchased of Raffe Shephearde." Certainly he was not unworthy to be a son of the jurate and churchwarden, if he did marry a widow and emigrate to New England."

Bond's History of Watertown says of him:—

John Eaton a very early settler of Watertown, was admitted freeman May 25, 1636. The witnessing of the will of John Eaton, first of Watertown afterwards of Dedham, by Rev. John Allin and Hon. Major Eleaser Lusher, and the taking of the inventory by Eleaser Lusher, Henry Chickering and John Hayward, imply that he held a respectable social position.

Hotten's "Founders of New England" quotes from shipping lists as follows:—

In the "Elizabeth and Ann," Roger Cooper, M^r^. These pties are to be embarked for New England, xiij Aprilis 1635.

Tho: Eaton	1
Abigaill Eaton	35
Jane Damand	9
Mary Eaton	4

No doubt that John Eaton was also on board, and the fact that his name was accidentally left off of the list is not strange, as the names of a family are scattered and probably were entered on the lists at different times. Jane Damand was Abigail Eaton's daughter by her first husband. In 1644 she was married in Dedham: "John Plimpton and Jane Dummin married 13th of 1 mo. 1644." John Eaton settled in Watertown and lived there a year. He received several grants of land in Watertown, viz:—

July 25, 1636 John Eaton Forty acres.
Feb. 28, 1636-7 John Eaton Six acres.
June 26, 1637 John Eaton Six acres.
April 9, 1638 John Eaton Three acres.

From which it would appear that he did not break off entirely with Watertown until near the time that he joined the Dedham Church in 1641. The Dedham Covenant was dated 10th of 7th 1636, and has the signature of John Eaton, but probably he signed it some months after that date.

Maye 11, 1637, Thomas Hastings laying down his lot unto our society John Eaton is enterteyned into ye same and subscribed.

Thomas Hastings, whose lot thus passed to John Eaton, left town; but "20th of last Month: 1637 (February 20, 1638) Thomas Hastings was enterteyned agayne & subscribed."

In 1639 he had removed once more to Watertown.

John Eaton's name first appears as present at Town meeting on 28th 9 mo. 1637: after that date he was a regular attendant. A Meetinghouse was ordered, "to be in length 36 Foote & 20: foote in bredth & . . . in ye studds 12: foote. "18, 11, 1637 Thomas Wight, John Dwight, Nicholas Phillips and John Eaton have undertaken to fell Pynes and Oake for it:"

He helped to build the first bridge over the Charles River in Dedham.

28. 9. 1637 Committee appointed to order ye making of a foote bridge over the greate River over against m^{r} Carter's lott At a Comon Charge.

1 of Nov. 1639 The Towne being requested to staye it was ppownded conc^{r}ning ye Foote bridge y^{t} was formerly agreed to be set at Mr. Carter's Lott whether now they weare willing to have ye same set at John Eaton's Lott wch was by ye main pte agreed to have it ther set.

28 Nov. 1640 Whereas William Bullard and John Eaton had taken the Foot bridge over Charles River to make and set up ye same, the sayd Willm to have Fifty shillings and the sayd John to have Forty shillings for effecting the same. But for as much as ye said work ꝑves to be more then they or we did Expect Therefore we do nowe upon good information of the same order y^t^ the sayd William Bullard shall have Thre pounds and Ten shillings and John Eaton Thre and Fifty shillings for ye perfecting of ye sayd Bridge for their full satisfaction as is thought Fitting.

The later Eatons are descended from the William Bullard, mentioned above, he being an ancestor of John Eaton[6].

William Bullard, born 1594, came from Watertown with the first settlers to Dedham, and died Dec. 23, 1686. His daughter Mary Bullard, died after 1687, married John Farrington, April 23, 1649; he died June 27, 1676: their son, Nathaniel Farrington, born Aug. 9, 1656, died May 8, 1723, married before 1685, Sarah Whiting, born Dec. 3, 1660, died March 22, 1732, daughter of *Nathaniel* and *Hannah (Dwight) Whiting (Hannah Dwight* daughter of *John Dwight)*; their daughter Anne Farrington married first, on 2 July 1712, William White of Dorchester, he died 18 March 1718, and she married, second, on 13 Sept. 1722, Nathaniel Smith of Dedham, born June 26, 1692, died Dec. 31, 1769, son of *Asahel* and *Elizabeth Smith.* Anne (Farrington) Smith died April 1, 1767.

Desire Smith, daughter of Nathaniel and Anne (Farrington) Smith, born Sept. 26, 1731, married June 12, 1755, John Eaton[5], and their son was John Eaton[6].

This Foot bridge connected the easterly shore somewhere on the upland of the William Bullard land (his homestead being now next south of the present stone bridge on Ames Street) with "John Eaton's Lott"; therefore the location of his lot is clearly indicated, and the bridge doubtless landed him at the base of Powder House Rock.

"*The Key*" was a place so named by the first settlers, where in 1637, a foot bridge was built across Charles River to Dedham Island, at or near the spot now occupied by a stone bridge at powder house rock.

"*Cart Bridge* was built across Charles River in 1644, on the road leading from the old "training ground" to Dedham Island. The bridge was the first one laid for the passage of teams or carts over the river in this town. A foot bridge had previously been laid across the river, at a place called the Key, about one-fourth of a mile below this spot." (Mann's Annals of Dedham.)

The admission of the family to the Dedham Church is recorded:—

1640 Abigail ye daughter of our brother John Eaton a member of ye church of watertown was baptised 27 of ye 11th, 1639.

1640 Jane Da'mat ye daughter of our sister Eaton of ye ⋇ of watertowne was received ye 4th of ye 10th mo.

1641 M. divers bretheren & sisters of ye Church of watertowne living amongst us as desyred to joyne y^m^selves unto this Church, of whom this church desyring some p'ticular knowledge of ye spiritual estate both for satisfaction & edification of y^e^ ⋇, and ye elders of Watertowne in a letter subscribed by m^r^ Philip pastour testifying y^t^ y^e^ ⋇ ther by an act gave them power to joyne to us as they & we should agre. Thes brethren John Batchelder & John Eaton wth ther wives having first by a declaration of ther faith to y^e^ ⋇ in a Church meeting given good satisfaction to this Church they wer after admitted as members of this Church in a publike assembly 30th of ye 5m. 1641. (Dedham Church Records.)

John Eaton[1] took an active part in the affairs of the little community: he served on committees to lay out land, was surveyor of highways; was "Wood reeve" several years. In 1647 he was on a committee "to decide who are behind in their high way worke."

25. 11. 1650, John Haward, John Eaton & Thomas Fuller ar requested and deputed to take care for the repayering of the foote Bridge, so much as may be, to be set of in high way worke, and the rest upon the Towne's charge in equall sattisfaction.

Beside the endowment of about twelve acres each to the new comers, the town made numerous "dividends" of lands to its inhabitants, and John Eaton[1] had his share: the first one was

The 6th of the 12th mo. 1642. Granted to those persons whose names are underwritten, of upland fit for improvement with the plough, as followeth,—[the names of 68 persons are given, and among them]

Robte Weare		3 roods	51
Jno Eaton	5 acres	———	26
William Bullard	2 "		49
Nathan Aldus	6 "	2 "	45
John Hunting, Eld	14 "	3 "	6
John Dwight,	11 "	———	22
Nathaniel Whiting	1 "	2 "	9
Michael Metcalf	9 "	———	17
Henry Wilson	1 "	2 "	44
Richard Everard	7 "	2 "	1

These are some of the prominent men, the average to each citizen being about four acres.

29. 8. 1644 Granted to John Eaton a small pcell of upland lying betweene his land upon the Iland playne & ye swamp of Sam[1] Bullen: to make the line strait between them.

13. 11. 1644 John Eaton is promised to be considered for some meadow as soon as may be convenient.

4. 12. 1644 Woodlands granted; John Eaton has 7 acres.

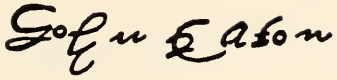
11. 12. 1650 John Eaton receives 4½ acres swamp.

" " John Eaton receives 4¾ acres meadow.

7. 1. 1652 Devident of 500. John Eaton 8 acres 2 roods.

The modest style of houses occupied by the early settlers is shown by entries scattered through the records. In 1648 there were 80 houses, the valuation ranging from £2 up to £46 for the ministers house; the average being about £14. John Eaton's house was valued at £10.8.0. But we must remember that measured in the money of the present day the houses would be worth three or four times as much.

Fac-simile of his signature in 1649:



John Eaton[1] died Nov. 17, 1658. The date of his wife's death is not known. Their children were

MARY, baptised at Dover, Eng., March 20, 1630, 31 married May 5, 1651, John Mason of Dedham, Mass.; had eight children, and died in Dedham, May 6, 1676.

JOHN, baptised at Dover, Eng., Oct. 17, 1633; buried January 27, 1634.

THOMAS, born in England, 1634, died in Dedham Sept. 10. 1649.

JOHN[2], birth not found, was probably born in Watertown in 1636; was the only son to survive his father and continue the family.

ABIGAIL, born at Dedham, Jan. 6, 1640; married, Nov. 16, 1659, Robert Mason of Medfield; had seven children, and died at Medfield, Sept. 3, 1711.

JACOB, born at Dedham, June 8, 1642, died March 20, 1646.

WILL OF JOHN EATON[1].

Suffolk Probate Records, Vol. I., p. 318.

Date 2 of 9th month 1658—Presented 9, 10 mo 1658.

"I, John Eaton of Dedham, though sicke and weake in body yet whole and sound in my memory . . . Item, I give to Abigail my well-beloved wife the free use of my Parlor in my now dwelling house and the Lean to there unto adjoining and all the household stuffe at present in them to her use and enjoy during all the whole tearme she shall remain a widdow, and sufficient firewood for her use to be provided and Laid in the yard fro time to time . . . I give unto my said wife the annuite of six pounds p añn to be payde at the end of each halfe year in such things as she needeth out of my estate hereafter to be disposed of during the whole tearme of her natural life; or the

third pte of my lands during the same tearme herselfe to choose which of these two she best liketh.

Item, I give to my said wife so much of my other household stuffe as come to the value of five pounds being such as herself shall make Choyse of, and also one Cow.

I give to John Damont of Reading the sume of five pounds. Item, I give to John Plimton of Meadfield the sume of five pounds. I give to Edward Hodsman my kinsman the sume of fortie shillings, and my mind is that all these Legacies last above written shall be paid in Currant Country pay^{mt} in Dedham at price currant by my executrix in one year after my decease.

The remainder of my estate to be divided in two parts, and that pt of her portion that my Daughter Mary have received to be accounted thereunto the one halfe whereof I give to John Eaton my sonne, and the other I give to Mary and Abigail my two daughters . . . . and all that part of her portion wch my daughters have already received shall be accounted to her part that so my two daughters may have equall and my will is that my sonne and my two daughters according to their portions pay to my wife their mother that six pounds p ann as is above written and I do ordaine Abigail my wife to be my sole Executrix."

In presence of
JOHN ALLIN.
ELIASER LUSHER.

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JOHN × EATON [SEAL]
marke

It is supposed that John Damant mentioned in the will was a brother of Jane, *i.e.* a stepson of John Eaton. John Plimpton was the husband of his stepdaughter, Jane Damon, or Damant, or Dummin, as it is variously spelled. As to "Edward Hodsman my kinsman," if we knew more about him we might possibly learn who Abigail Eaton was before she married her first husband Henry Damon.

INVENTORY OF JOHN EATON.

Taken 30th of ye 9 mo. 1658 by Eliazer Lusher, Henry Chickering and John Haward.

31 yards New Cloath	£ 3. 2.0
Bridle and Sadle 1 pillion 1 pannell	1. 0.0
7 load Hay from foule meadow	3.10.0
The dwelling house & the 2 barns	45.
1 pcell of upland where the house stands with the orchard as it is encompassed with meadow.	28. 0.0
land in the Ilande playne broken & unbroken	28. 0.0
the further p cell in the great plaine	7.10.0
the other " " " "	12. 0.0
1 pcell by Thomas Paynes	5. 0.0
The Meadow at home by the house lott	50. 0.0
The Meadow enclosed in the Iland playne fence	9. 0.0
Meadow at foule meadow	9. 0.0
2 p cells of swamp Lying in the Iland & one in the South plaine	6. 0.0
Woodland distributed and that near Meadfield and all Comon rights of all sorts	5. 0.0
Furniture, rugg, blanket, Wearing apparell, Farming Tools, Oxen & calves, 2 mares, 1 colt, sheep, lamb, swine, carts, ploughs, yokes,	180.08.0
	£392.10.0

Presented by Abigail Eaton the Relict of John Eaton, 16, 10, 58.

This inventory shows that he owned a lot in Fowl meadows, but that his principal estate was on Dedham Island, and we shall see that it included the land on which the Powder House Rock is located.

The estate was inherited by John Eaton[2], who was but 22 years old when his father died. The name continues to appear in the town records, and now refers to the son.

"6 of 10. 1659 The Selectmen mett to finishe the Countrey Rate," in the list is "John Eaton 00.13.1"

"20, 12. 1659 Tax for charges on Comon Rights, "John Eaton .06.4"

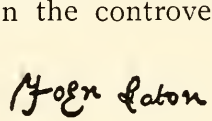
"10. 1. 1659,60 School rate, "John Eaton 0.04.0"

"1. 10. 1662 Surveyers p^rsent a bill of thos that are diffective in there highway worke this p^rsent yeare 1662. "Jo. Eaton 4^s. 0."

But the next entry of this department is more creditable:—

15. 10. 1664 Names of persons behind on highway work
"John Eaton 0."

His signature is preserved on the petition in 1662 to the General Court in the controversy with the Natick Indians.



The dividends of land continue:—

Mar. 23, 1662, 3. Met to draw lots at Woolomonupuck,
James Thorp } 13. 0. 3 1-4 rods.
John Eaton, }

10. 11. 1665 Lotts drawn near Meadfield,
John Eaton drew No. 28.

9. 12. 1665 Granted to Peter Woodman the Natick divident which he purchased of John Eaton

27. 10. 1665 Whereas our Reverend Elder and Lieut. Fisher were formerly deputed to treat with John Eaton Senior about a Cart way through the Land of said John Eaton to the houses beyond his house who accordingly attended the same and made thier returne but it apeering that John Junio^r^ thinke himselfe not yet satisfied nor that his Father was that he knowe, the psons abovesaid are againe deputed desired and empowered to doe therein as they shall judge equall and make full conclusion therein.

Prof. Daniel C. Eaton wrote me: "As to John[2] Eaton, no record of his birth has been found, so I suppose it was at Watertown, where the father lived a year. I have never been able to find out who his wife was: I find her name given as Elle once, and every other time as Alice. That she was a woman of some ability is shown by her persistence in looking after the family interests while her husband was "distracted."

PETITION OF ALICE EATON.

(Copied from the original paper on file in the Mass. Archives.)

To the Honnob^le^ Generall Court Assembled in Boston.

The Humble Petition of Alice wife of John Eaton of Dedham humbly sheweth—

That whereas he ye s^{d} Jno for many yeares past has been bereaved of ye right use of his reason some times raging mad & delirous, other times more sober so as quietly to walk ye streets, but always utterly void of common prudence needful to ye manageing of an estate, as all y^{t} know him can declare, and as the imprudent disposal of a considerable part of his estate doth & may sufficiently evidence And whereas during y^{s} his condition (w^{c} has been for a space of near 20 years) he has att several times (being inveigled & persuaded by such as very well knew his incapacity of manageing such affairs) disposed & conveyed & givin assurances in conveyance, of several parcels of land, for little other consideration than fair words, without the knowledge of his friends, & w^{c} he himselfe is utterly ignorant, both as to persons to whom, time when, & consideration for w^{ch}, he gave & made such s^{d} deeds and conveyances.

Whence yor humble petitioner her complaint arrises y^{t} his family & posterity are oppressed. & greatly injured, by being held unjustly out of y^{r} propper rights.

And whereas ye s^{d} Jno is now & continues as incapable of prudent manageing his business as formerly & therefore as probable further to squander & wast his remaining estate :— Do therefore (by, with, & upon ye consent & desire of ye s^{d} Jno) humbly petition (being constrained by w^{t} allready suffered, as by w^{t} yor petitioner has reason to fear, And emboldened by ye hopes of ye fav^{r} clemency & commiseration of this honnourable Assembly) that such cours may be taken as y^{t} yor Humble petitioner & ^{hr} indigent family, may have redress of greivances, and prevent inconveniences of ye like nature by makeing and empowering a committee to examin & rectify all past conveyances of land by him ye s^{d} Jno made, & by putting ye s^{d} Jno under a ward or Guardian, without whom he may not have power to act in things of this rate, and hereby yor Humble Petitioner shall be further obliged to pray always for yor Honn^{rs} good improvement & happyness.

Alice + Eaton

Colony Records, General Court, 7th May 1684.

In answer to the petition of Alice Eaton, the request therein is granted: and Thomas Browne of Cambridge, & John Fuller of

Dedham the petitioners neighbour, are appointed to be the com mittee wth herselfe to inspect into this affaire, and examine what-is done by the sajd John Eaton, irrationally and illegally; as also to take due course for the prevention of future damage, & preserve the estate for the benefit of the family.

Second Petition of Alice Eaton
on file at the State House.

To the Honourable Generall Court Assembled in Boston, Alice wife of John Eaton Humbly shows that she is thankfull for this Courts favour in granting her petition referring to the wrong offered her husband in persons bargaining with him, when he was uncapable, but finds the same less effectual for two reasons (1) that it doth not look like time enough for wee perceive that his greatest suffering to that sort may pass the twenty years allowed us and (2) their is wanting to us a committy of this honorable Court that may Examine persons Concerned and purchasers who will give us no Answer by which wee are kept in Ignorance which two things if the Court shall please to favour us in wee doubt not of Justiss from such Courts as wee shall make our pleas before and so will bee of great benefit to his distressed family

and shall ever pray for y^{r} honers

Deadham May 28 1685

(Copy of Paper on file at State House.)

We testifie for whom it may consearne that John Eaton my neighbour was distracted some years before his fathers death which is about 27 years sentce his father died, and for before he had anything to dispose of eyther Legally or eleagally or either.

Thomas ffuller aged about 67 yeares.
Richard Elliss aged 64 years.

Proceedings of General Court, 7 July 1685.

In answer to the petition of Alice Eaton, wife of John Eaton, on hir further motion it is ordered that Leiftenñt Nathaniel Sternes be joined wth the former cōmittee appointed by this Court 7th May 1684, in ans^{r} to her then petiсon & for that end in the tryall of the premisses, the s^{d} Left. Sterne to appoint time & place of meeting, making their report to this Court how they find it.

Nathaniel Stearns was a representative to General Court from Dedham.

"We hear no more of this trouble after 1685, and may suppose that he was restored to health. When he died is not known."

The last remark of Prof. Eaton was based on the entry of death of John Eaton.[3]

1694, 28 Oct. John Eaton, Jr. died. (Dedham Records.)

The son being called John Eaton, Jr., it was assumed that the father was then living, and he could only say that John[2] Eaton died *after* Oct. 28, 1694. His wife Alice died 8 May 1694. Their children were:—

JOHN, b. 15 July, 1665; d. 15 Oct. 1665.
3. JOHN[3], b. 17 Sept. 1671; d. 28 Oct. 1694.
4. THOMAS[3], b. 23 July 1675; d. 17 Aug. 1748.
5. WILLIAM[3], b. 11 Aug. 1677; d. 3 April 1718.
JUDETH, b. 17 Sept. 1679: d. 26 April 1680.
6. JONATHAN[3], b. 3 Sept. 1681; d. 25 June 1748.
DAVID, b. 8 March 1683; d. 28 March 1683.
EBENEZER, b. 3 May 1687; d. 23 May 1688.

3. JOHN[3] EATON, born 17 Sept. 1671, son of John[2] and Alice Eaton, married Ann Whiting and lived in Dedham, probably at his father's homestead on Dedham Island. He died 28 Oct. 1694 at the age of 23, only a few months after their marriage. His widow married, 2dly, 4 April 1700, John Lewis, and 3dly, 11 Aug. 1725, James Herring. She died 9 March 1749. (Dedham Hist. Reg. Jany. 1895.) Child:—

7. JOHN[4], b. 4 April 1694; m. 23 April 1729, Elizabeth Lovering, and died 23 Feb. 1770. This was the John Eaton who bought the farm on Purgatory Plain.

When did John[2] Eaton die? He was living in 1694 at the time when his oldest son died; and in volume five of the Dedham town records we can trace him still further. His name appears regularly in the tax lists from

the date of his father's death until the year 1701. From 1700 to 1704 it is listed in combination with that of a son, viz:—

John & Willi Eaton.

After the year 1704, John Eaton's name disappears entirely from the lists, and that of William takes its place; so that it is probable that John[2] gave up the care of the farms to his son; and his descendants may believe that the closing years of the old man's life were calm and peaceful after the sickness and misfortunes that he had experienced.

Whether he had learned, as have his descendants and successors, the charm of standing on the Great Rock and enjoying the extensive view of the Charles River meadows with Roxbury and Newton hills not far distant; or, sheltered from northerly winds in one of the depressions of its southerly face, he looked across the river flowing in front, and contemplated the settlement, which had grown in his day from a small hamlet to what must have seemed to him a respectable town, with its meeting-house and school house and tavern; or whether, as appreciation of natural scenery is a modern cultivated taste, he contented himself with sitting in the sunshine at his home, the Rock must have been an object of his daily vision.

The next occurrence of his name on record, is on a deed made in 1706, selling a farm to his son. Judging from the tax lists William[3] had doubtless been in charge of the estate for some years, and now a portion is sold to him. A reason for not examining this deed before and recognizing its importance as bearing on the problems that we are trying to solve, was that, though dated in 1706, it was not recorded until 1740, and being indexed 1740, it was not suspected of being a deed of John,[2] but thought to be merely a casual purchase and sale by some later John.

Date 1706, 23 March, ack[d] March 25, 1706, Entered Oct. 9, 1740.

I, John Eaton of Dedham, yeoman, for £ 30. in hand and secured to be paid by my son William Eaton of Dedham, sell to him one parcell of land meadow and swamp in Dedham upon the Great Island planting field, being 30 acres more or less . . . bounded . . upon land of Michael Metcalf towards the west, the meadow of Samuel & Ephraim Ware towards the north, Charles River and the Pond towards the east and land of Sam[l] Ware towards the south . . . . said land is my own proper estate . . . . (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. LXI., p. 3.)

The above farm was in the neighborhood of what is now called Motley's Pond, and it is evident that John[2] Eaton continued to hold the homestead estate containing the Rock. This homestead also came afterwards into possession of William[3] by inheritance, as will be shown by inventory of his estate.

Another deed of John[2] is found and is dated in 1710:—

Date 27 March 1710. Entered Oct. 3, 1717.

I, John Eaton of Dedham, husbandman, for good pay by John Gill sell to him Eight acres not far distant from Magus Hill. (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. XXXII., p. 75.)

5. William[3] Eaton (*John*,[2] *John*[1]), son of John and Alice Eaton, was born at Dedham 11 Aug. 1677; married 27 April 1704, Mary, daughter of Comfort and Mary Starr. She was born at Dedham 23 Nov. 1685 and died in 1751. He owned the two farms on Dedham Island which had been in possession of his father and grandfather, and also large tracts of land on Needham Great Plain and along the borders of Rosemary Brook. Needham was set off from Dedham in 1711, and in 1712 his name is on the Needham tax lists for these lands, but he lived and died in Dedham. In the settlement of his estate the Dedham property went to his eldest son William, and that in Needham to his two younger sons, Josiah and Jeremiah. He died 3 April 1718. His widow, Mary (Starr) Eaton made a will in 1746, and in it corrected some inequalities in the division of her husband's estate. Their children:—

8. WILLIAM,[4] b. 11 Feb. 1705; d. March 22, 1751.
   MARY, b. 3 Dec. 1706; m. 12 April 1733, James Herring of Roxbury.
9. JOSIAH,[4] b. 4 April 1711; d. 23 April 1796.
   SARAH, b. 24 Aug. 1713; m. 1735 Robert Fuller, Jr., b. 6 June 1714, d. 12 May 1788; she d. 13 July 1797. Children:
   Sarah Fuller, b. 24 March 1737-8; m. 9 Dec. 1762 Moses Kingsbury.
   Robert Fuller, b. 31 May 1740; m. 24 Feb. 1770 Mary Kingsbury.
   William Fuller, b. 10 March 1742-3; m. 8 June 1769 Sarah Hunting.
   Mary Fuller, b. 10 March 1742-3; d. 1743.
   Moses Fuller, b. 26 April 1748; d. 1749.
   Moses Fuller, b. 29 April 1750; m. 14 April 1774 Elizabeth Newell; and d. 13 Feb. 1823.
   Mary Fuller, b. 5 March 1756; m. 24 Dec. 1778, John Slack, Jr.
10. JEREMIAH,[4] b. 4 March 1716.
   ABIEL, b. 11 Aug. 1718, d. 14 Feb. 1784, m. 8 Nov. 1751, John Ward of Newton. He d. 1786. Children:—
   John Ward, b. 10 Nov. 1752; m. Mary Kingsbury.
   Rebecca Ward, b. 17 May 1754; m. Joseph Parker.
   Beulah Ward, b. 29 June 1757; m. Jonathan Eaton of Gardner, her cousin.
   Jason Ward, b. 22 Feb. 1759; d. same year.
   Eunice Ward, b. 5 Jan. 1760; d. 1761.

We have found John Eaton[2] living in 1706, and in 1710. In the Dedham printed records is this entry:—

——— *Eaton deceased December the* 24, 1715.

To whom did it refer? Those of the second generation were all gone long before, except John.[2] Of his own children, his only daughter Judeth died in 1681; John[3] died in 1694: Thomas[3] moved to Connecticut and died there in 1748, and was the ancestor of Professor Daniel C. Eaton. William died in 1718: Jonathan[3] also went to

Connecticut and died in 1748; David died in 1683; Ebenezer in 1688. Of the sons of William[3] Eaton who were born before 1715, William[4] died in 1751, and Josiah in 1796. The daughters all married and therefore lost the name. Thus all the Eatons are accounted for except John.[2] The *dash* in the entry of the printed volume does not mean that there was no christian name entered, but that the ancient page of the original is so worn that no vestige of it remains. But a careful examination gives some evidence on this point. The writing is very neat and clear, and the names are set down in an orderly manner; a measurement of the space between the word *Eaton* and the margin of the page as determined by the remaining parts above and below, and also a comparison of the space occupied by other christian names on the same page, establishes the fact that the missing name was of about four letters. Therefore we may safely conclude that the entry was made to record the date of death of JOHN[2] EATON, and that he died Dec. 24, 1715, in his 80th year.

No will nor settlement of the estate of John[2] Eaton is on record. His real estate all went into possession of his son William,[3] but that the other heirs received their due portion of the property is shown by the means at the disposal of William's nephew John[4] Eaton, who was able to purchase the Purgatory farm in 1720.

William[3] Eaton did not long survive his father: he died intestate, April 3, 1718, and his estate was settled by his widow, Mary (Starr) Eaton.

Suffolk Reg. Probate, Vol. XXVI., p. 339.

Inventory of William Eaton of Dedham, taken June 23, 1726; a second one taken June 28, 1728, by Joseph Smith, Jabez Pond, and Ephraim Willson, presented July 8, 1728, by Mary Eaton, administratrix of her late Husband, as follows:

Dwelling-house and barn	£ 80. 0.0
23 acres more or less of upland and meadow adjoining and a Malt house	160. 0.0

30 acres more or less of upland and meadow at planting field	70. 0.0
1 1-2 acre Plow land near Josiah Smiths	10. 0.0
12 acres more or less of Wood land near Powesset	18. 0.0
7 1-2 acres near Rock meadow Cedar Swamp	15. 0.0
2 1-2 acres at Cedar Swamp road near Nath[1] Hawes	6. 0.0
3 3-4 acres Cedar Swamp at the Great Cedar Swamp in Walpole	2. 0.0
17 acres at New Bridge	50. 0.0
An house at Needham with upland Swamp bounded by the highway towards the north and the meadow of James Kingsbury towards the west, and upon the old road leading from Ebenezer Wates to a place called the Neckfield towards the south	70. 0.0
The Rye field and the Land adjoining & all the lands on both sides Rosemary brook	65. 0.0
12 acres Wood Land near Ebenezer Mills	30. 0.0
9 acres Wood Land near Capt. Cook's	50. 0.0
2 acres Pine Swamp at Needham	2. 0.0
8 Cow Common Rights	2. 0.0
Total Real Estate	630. 0.0

Will of Mary (Starr) Eaton.

Suffolk Probate Records, Vol. XLV., p. 289.

Date 14 April 1746 Presented 6 Aug. 1751.

In the name of God Amen. The 14th of April 1746 I, Mary Eaton of Dedham . . give and bequeath to my well beloved son William Eaton one cow calf valued at £5. and the Reason why I give him no more is because I think he has an advantage in the estate left by my late Husband above his Brothers and Sisters. Item, I give to my well beloved son Josiah Eaton one Cow valued at £12. and to my son Jeremiah Eaton one Cow valued at £12. and the reason I give to my said sons Josiah and Jeremiah no more is because that I apprehend that they have received a more Valuable Share out of their Father's Estate then their sisters. Item, I give to my daughters Mary Herren, Sarah Fuller, and Abiel Eaton, whom

I ordain my Executrices of my will, all the remainder of my estate.

her
MARY X EATON [SEAL]
mark

In presence of
DAVID FULLER
JOHN GRAVES
DAVID FULLER, JR.

8. WILLIAM[4] EATON (*William*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]), son of William and Mary (Starr) Eaton, was born at Dedham, Feb. 11, 1705. He inherited his father's homestead and probably lived there all his life. He married Feb. 15, 1738, Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail Brackett of Dedham, born Dec. 21, 1713. He died March 22, 1751, and his widow married for second husband Stephen Fales; this marriage is recorded in Dedham records, "Stephen Fales & Abigail Eaton (wid. Thomas Eaton) married May 20, 1754"; but Professor Eaton was confident that it was the widow of William who married Stephen Fales. Children of William[4] and Abigail Eaton:—

16. WILLIAM[5], b. Dec. 2, 1738; m. Mary [ ]
ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 3, 1740; d. Nov. 21, 1748.

William[4] Eaton died at the age of 46 years; he left no will, and his widow Abigail administered his estate.

Suffolk Reg. Probate, Vol. XLV., p. 287.

Inventory of William Eaton of Dedham, taken July 30, 1751, by Nath[l] Kingsbury, Isaac Bullard, and David Fuller; presented Aug. 6, 1751 by Abigail Eaton, administratrix of her late husband.

Furniture, &c.	£60.19.1
Homestead & buildings	186.13.0
lot by Josiah Smith's	8. 0.0
lot by Planting field	120. 0.0
lot at the New Bridge	53. 6.8
lot near Cedar Swamp	53. 6.8
lot near Cedar Swamp road	20. 0.0
Cedar Swamp at Walpole	4. 0.0
lot near Stephen Gerroulds	4. 0.0

lot near Wrentham line	6.13.4
lot near Ebenezer Bracketts place	5. 6.8
lot near Amos Fishers	5. 6.8
Rights in the Commonage in Dedham	1. 4.0
Total	528.16.1

Suffolk Probate Records, Vol. XLIX., p. 351.

Second account of Abigail Eaton, Admx of William Eaton, late of Dedham, deceased, approved May 17, 1754.

Balance from first account		£47 .5.7
add		5. 2.9
		52. 8.4
Paid allowance of James Herring and Mary his wife due to her in settlement of the deceased fathers estate	11.16.10	
Paid John Ward and Abigail his wife	11.18.11	
Paid sundries	16.06. 0	40. 1.9
Balance		£12. 6.7

The "New Bridge" mentioned in the inventory was built across the Charles River on the Needham road in 1680.

16. William[5] Eaton, (*William*,[4] *William*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*[1]) son of William[4] and Abigail (Brackett) Eaton, was born Dec. 2, 1738; he married Mary [ ], and appears by the record to have been the only surviving child and sole heir of William.[4] He was twelve years old when his father died, and soon afterwards his neighbor, David Fuller, was appointed his guardian.

Suffolk Probate Vol XLVII., p. 521.

March 16, 1753 William, minor, upwards of 14 years, son of William Eaton of Dedham do put David Fuller my guardian.

William Eaton.

Very early after William[5] Eaton came of age, the farm containing the Powder House Rock, which had been held by the Eaton family for five generations and for a period

of one hundred and twenty-five years, passes from their ownership by the following deed to a son of this William's former guardian.

Suffolk Deeds, Lib. CLX., p. 180.

Date 14 Sept. 1761,—acknowledged July 1, 1769. Entered June 19, 1787. I, William Eaton of Dedham, for £190. paid by Aaron Fuller of Dedham, sell to him the **Homestead of 20 acres,** bounded by road towards the N W, & Northerly on land of David Fuller & on land of Daniel Fisher eastwardly and upon the further meadows, so called, that was set off to my mother for her thirds in part westerly in part and southwest in part—also a little lot ½ acre near Robert Man's House—Also a piece of land called Plantingfield it being by Estimation 25 acres abutted on the Road southeasterly and on land of Michael Metcalfe southwesterly and on land of Robert Man southwesterly and on land of Ephraim Ware and Ebenezer Wight northeasterly and on my own land easterly and northeasterly . . . I am lawful owner.

WILLIAM EATON.
MARY EATON.

He afterwards sold his other farm, which was probably the one that he occupied,and which William[4] and William[3] had lived on before him.

Suffolk Deeds, Lib. CLX., p. 180.

Date 29 Dec. 1770, ack[d], Sept. 20, 1771. Entered June 19, 1787. I, William Eaton of Dedham for £226.13.4 paid by Aaron Fuller sell to him two pieces of land upon the great Island so called in Dedham upland and meadow containing 14 acres with Buildings and the yard by the well and half the garden bounded northeasterly and easterly by Aaron Fuller, west on the road leading to the Metcalf house in part and part on land of David Fuller and on Charles River all other parts Also 15 acres of woodland called New Bridge lot bounded northerly on road to Needham westerly on road leading from Hezekiah Fuller's to New Bridge and all other on Ezekiel Kingsbury. And a wood lot near Cedar Swamp Brook 30 acres, bounded by road to swamp and by Daniel Fisher, Timothy Colburn, and Abner Ellis, Jonathan Starr and William Gay . . . . I own estate of Inheritance.

WILLIAM EATON
MARY EATON

We have traced the ownership of the Rock from John[1] to William.[5] To complete the evidence that the deed of William[5] Eaton of Sept. 14, 1761, included Powder House Rock, I quote from "FULLER FAMILY" in the Dedham Historical Register for October, 1893, and following.

THOMAS[1] FULLER came to Dedham in 1642.

THOMAS[2] FULLER (*Thomas*[1]) lived on Great Plain avenue, died April 23, 1733.

CAPT. DAVID[3] FULLER (*Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), born March 26, 1704; died June 23, 1777. In 1765 he was on the committee to build the Powder House on the GREAT ROCK IN AARON FULLER'S LAND. He lived on the homestead of Thomas[1] which he bequeathed to his son Eliphalet.

ELIPHALET[4] FULLER (*David*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), born Aug. 11, 1744; died Mch 12, 1800. He inherited the Fuller homestead where he lived all his life and which was owned by Thomas and his descendants for over two hundred years.

CAPT. AARON[4] FULLER (*David*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), born Oct. 27, 1737; died Mch 21, 1816. He resided upon the place on the Island now occupied by Hannah Fuller, and which was conveyed to him by WILLIAM EATON in 1761."

The first reference to the Great Rock in public records is in 1762. March 1, 1762 the Town voted to build a Powder House: and the following May it was "voted to have a Powder House builded on a great Rock on Aaron Fuller's land near Charles River."

It seems strange, at first thought, that this prominent object which had been owned by the Eatons for so long a period, and which had been in possession of Aaron Fuller only eight months, and by a deed which at the time had not been acknowledged or recorded, should be mentioned with no reference to its longtime ownership. But the Eatons for three generations had lived on the other farm, and this one had probably been rented by Aaron Fuller, and he may have had the care of it for

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several years during his father's guardianship of its young owner, so that it had become known in the community as Fuller's home.

The dangers surrounding them compelled the settlers to form military companies, and all except ministers and such as were physically incapacitated were exercised and drilled frequently. The General Court enjoined the towns to maintain a common stock of ammunition, so that citizens might readily obtain powder and shot for their own use and for military duty. In 1635, it was ordered, under a penalty of ten pounds, that each town shall provide a safe and convenient place to keep such ammunition.

There are many entries in the Dedham town records relating to this subject, and they have been freely quoted in a paper on the "Powder House," in the Register of July, 1893.

27 of 4 mo 1650; The Rate for the purchasing of Ammunition according to the order of the Court, made this day at the rate of penny farthing p £.

As this rate is equal to five dollars on a thousand, we can appreciate the earnestness with which our forefathers carried on the public business.

The first public record referring to a place for storing the Dedham supply of powder was:—

Meeting of the selectmen, 18 of ye 1 mo 1652. Its agreed that the Towne Amunition should be layd up in a place to be made safe for it in the Roofe of the new Meeting house over the east gallerie.

Upwards of one hundred years later, on the 1st of March, 1762, it was voted to build a house for storing the powder; and in 1766 it was "builded on a great Rock near Charles River." The building is "Eight Feet Square on the outside, and Six Feet high under the Plates, the Materials Brick and Lime Mortar."

The Rock, thus marked and individualized, is a very interesting natural feature; and being very accessible, makes it the frequent incentive for a pleasant stroll. While not high, only about thirty feet above the pasture which surrounds it, its location gives it command of considerable stretch of the Charles River, its meadows, and the hills beyond: its summit is but a few feet higher than the roadway which skirts it on the north, but on reaching the top its rugged features are impressive. The eastern side slopes to the edge of a sheer precipice twenty-five feet in height, sufficient to call for prudence if one is tempted to pluck the fragrant yellow Sassafras blossoms which grow close to this upright face of the Rock.

The Rock is of granite, and the whole outcrop has an area of about one-fourth of an acre; the western side has an irregular but gentle slope, easily ascended or descended, and the southerly face is a combination of sloping and steep parts just sufficient to tempt climbers who enjoy a spice of danger; this side is shown in the illustration.

Professor Daniel Cady Eaton (*Amos Beebe*[7], *Amos*[6], *Abel*[5], *Nathaniel*[4], *Thomas*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), by years of research, and as he says, greatly assisted by Miss Lucy E. Eaton of Dedham, has collected the names of 2900 descendants of John[1] and John[2] Eaton of Dedham; of these 179 are descended from John[3]; 2024 from Thomas[3]; 209 from William[3]; 484 from Jonathan[3]. Professor Eaton died June 29, 1895, before being ready to publish his work. His son, Mr. George F. Eaton, has courteously permitted me to make extracts from the manuscript; and with his assent I select from it for publication here, the names of descendants who have lived near the old home, that is, in Dedham and Needham.

16. William[5] Eaton (*William*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), having sold the farms and the Rock, removed from Dedham. He was born at Dedham, 2 Dec., 1738. The

town records speak of his wife as Sarah, but in church and land records she is called Mary, and it is probable that the record of marriage at King's Chapel, Boston, of William Eaton and Mary Thorp, 18 Dec., 1760, refers to this William and his wife. They lived for about ten years in Dedham, and removed, first to Lancaster, then to Vermont, and finally to Springfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he died. Children, the first five born in Dedham:—

MARY, b. 16 Oct., 1761; m. Thomas Gates.
ABIGAIL, b. 5 Sept., 1763; m. [ ] Wetheral
WILLIAM[6], b. Oct., 1765; died in Oneida Co., N. Y.
ASA, bapt. 6 Dec., 1767; went to New York State.
JOSEPH[6], 29 Jan., 1770; went to Rome, N. Y., then to Fredonia, Ohio, where he died 1 Feb., 1849.
JESSE[6], b. 28 Aug., 1774; m. Sarah Barbour 16 Jan., 1799; d. 1846 at Cuba, Alleghany Co., N. Y.
SAMUEL[6], m. Rebecca Thompson.
JOHN[6], m. Eunice Winchester; died in Utica, N. Y.

11. JOHN[5] EATON (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) was born at Dedham, 3 June, 1732, son of John[4] and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton, and lived on his father's farm in Dedham. He was captain of the first company of militia in Dedham, and his brothers Thomas, Isaac, and Joseph served in the company. An old note book of Capt. Eaton is preserved, in which are recorded births, etc.; the burning of his house, 22 Feb., 1767; the date of "the fight at Concord"; the fortifying of Dorchester Hill "March ye 4, Monday Night." He mentions heavy snows March 11, 12, 13, 16 and 20, 1772, and that on the 3d of April the same year "a Large Snow fell So that the Banks were som 6, som 9, and some 14 feet Deep, and one more than 9 feet deep that I measyred." After this there came, April 9, "a Large Nor East Rain that Raised the River exceeding high." He was taken with small pox while serving on a jury in Boston, as were most of the other jurymen; and died of the disease 14 May, 1777.

He married 12 June, 1755, Desire Smith, born 26 Sept., 1731, daughter of Nathaniel and Anne (Farrington) Smith. She was a woman of sterling character and much respected, and after her husband's death, managed the farm successfully till her sons were old enough to relieve her of the care. She died 3 Aug., 1814. Children:—

ELIZABETH, b. 14 Jan., 1756; m. Nathaniel, son of Isaac Whiting, 23 March, 1775. She d. in Dedham, 15 Nov., 1841. He d. 2 Sept., 1821. Children:—

Sarah Whiting, b. 22 Jan., 1776; m. 6 May, 1802, Jotham Richards, had three children, and died 12 Dec., 1849.

Molly Whiting, b. 19 Feb ,1778; m. 8 Jan., 1801, Joseph Ellis; died 27 Feb., 1847.

Nathaniel Whiting, b. 7 Nov., 1779; m. 1 April, 1804, Nancy, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Richards. He d. at Walpole, 30 Oct., 1843.

Hannah Whiting, b. 8 May, 1781; m. 27 Jan., 1802, Abijah, son of Isaac and Mary (Richards) Smith. Had five children, and died at Walpole, 24 April, 1845.

Eaton Whiting, b. 8 Nov., 1782; m. 1st, 2 Jan., 1820, Elizabeth Whiting, b. 4 Nov., 1793. She died 10 Jan., 1821; he m., 2dly, 8 Dec., 1833, Olive Smith. He lived in West Dedham and died 6 Dec., 1863. His widow died 29 April, 1879. He had three children, of whom one was John Eaton Whiting.

Rebecca Whiting, b. 31 Oct., 1784; m. Jeremiah Edes, 10 Nov., 1807; had four children, and died at Union, N. J., 19 Aug., 1854.

Ira Whiting,b. 9 April, 1787; m. 13 April,1815, Unity Fales of Walpole; had four children, and died at West Dedham, 7 May, 1853.

Luther Whiting, b. 1 Dec., 1789; m. 24 March, 1822, Eleanor Ann Keach; had six children and died in New York 8 Aug., 1847.

Elizabeth Whiting, b. 3 Jan., 1793; d. 10 Nov., 1817.

Abigail Whiting, b. 15 March, 1794; d. 7 Oct., 1867.

ABIGAIL, b. 21 March, 1759 ; d. 25 Sept., 1760.

ABIGAIL, b. 2 Nov., 1761 ; m. 13 April, 1786, Daniel Fuller, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Fuller of Dedham. They settled on a farm in Francestown, N. H., where they discovered soapstone in great abundance and made a considerable fortune. Abigail died 17 Sept., 1837 ; he died 21 July, 1847. Children :—

Luther Fuller, b. 22 Jan., 1787 ; d. 9 May, 1813.

John Eaton Fuller, b. 19 Nov., 1788 ; d. 22 Oct., 1811.

Daniel Fuller, b. 20 Jan., 1791 ; m. Peggy Emerson, was Colonel in the war of 1812, and member of the State Legislature ; d. 23 July, 1857.

Aaron Fuller, b. 4 May, 1793 ; d. 9 Jan., 1815.

Nabby Fuller, b. 28 April, 1795 ; m. Daniel N. Boardman, 1 Oct., 1818 ; and died 7 Dec., 1818.

Desire Fuller, b. 16 June, 1797 ; d. 12 Nov., 1800.

Elizabeth Fuller, b. 9 March, 1800 ; m. Timothy K. West, 27 May, 1823 ; d. 20 Jan., 1853. Had eight children.

Desire Fuller, b. 4 Sept., 1802 ; m. John Loring, 19 Dec., 1821 ; d. 19 Sept., 1861. Had eight children.

George Fuller, b. 9 Feb., 1806 ; d. 15 March, 1853.

17. JOHN[6], b. 11 April, 1764.

18. LUTHER[6], b. 27 Aug., 1766.

ANN, b. 26 April, 1769 ; m. 19 Feb., 1795, Eliphalet Baker, 3d. He d. in Dedham, 9 Nov., 1841 ; she died 30 Oct., 1853. Children :—

George Baker, b. 9 July, 1796 ; was a physician, and died at Chelsea, Dec., 1882.

Nathaniel Baker, b. 28 Jan., 1799.

Nancy Baker, b. 3 Oct., 1803 ; m. 24 Oct., 1830, Rev. John Fessenden.

Emily Baker, b. 16 Oct., 1808 ; m. 12 Oct., 1831, Gardener Paine of Worcester.

REBECCA, b. 25 April, 1772 ; m. 30 May, 1798, John Guild, son of Aaron and Annah (Coney) Guild. He died in Dedham 2 Dec.,1847 ; she d. 7 Sept., 1849. Children :—

Miranda Guild, b. 1798 ; d. 20 Mar., 1873.

Rebecca Eaton Guild, b. 1 Oct.,1801 ; m. 22 Dec., 1829, Rev. Leonard Luce of Westford ; he was born 14 May, 1799 ; their children were Rebecca E., Alfred E., Abby P. and Miranda G. Luce.

John Guild, b. 24 Aug., 1803.

Nathaniel Guild, b. 14 Sept., 1804 ; d. 28 Sept., 1805.

Alfred R. Guild, b. 16 Feb., 1807 ; d. at Galveston, Texas, 3 Sept., 1837.

17. JOHN[6] EATON (*John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]) was born at Dedham 11 April, 1764, son of John[5] and Desire (Smith) Eaton ; married 17 July, 1791 in Stoughton, Hannah, daughter of Captain James and Abigail (Puffer) Endicott. After the ceremony the bride rode to her new home on horseback, on a pillion behind her husband, and they had to ford the Neponset River, there being no bridge. The ford was a few rods north of the present highway, and about at the place where the Boston and Providence Railroad crosses the river. Hannah Endicott was born in Stoughton, in part now Canton, 26 Oct., 1761, and died of old age 3 June, 1860, being nearly 99 years of age ; she was bright and cheerful, and interested in all about her to the end of her days. John Eaton died 24 March, 1842. Children :—

JOHN, b. 28 June, 1792 ; d. 15 Sept., 1796.

19. JOHN[7], b. 2 May, 1801.

20. HANNAH[7], b 5 Oct., 1803 ; m. 2 June., 1830, George Alden.

19. JOHN[7] EATON, (*John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1],) son of John[6] and Hannah (Endicott) Eaton, was born at Dedham, 2 May, 1801. He was married twice ; 1st, 31 May, 1826 to Lucy, daughter of Benjamin Weatherbee of Dedham. She died 13 May, 1829; he married 2dly, 21 Dec., 1834, Harriet Dean, daughter of John and Betsey Dean, born 16 Oct., 1813, died 10 May, 1892. He inherited the Purgatory farm, which had been the home of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and he always thought that the three earlier generations also lived there.

JOHN EATON.
1801-1890.

But we now see that this was an error, and it must be added to the list of mistaken traditions. He was an honored member of the Eaton Family Association, and was visited in 1886 by Professor Daniel C. Eaton to whom he gave much information for his genealogical work. Mr. Eaton died 7 July 1890. Child by first wife:—

LUCY, b. 20 Mar. 1827; m. 5 Dec. 1849, William Crane of Canton, and removed to Candia, N. H. Mr. Crane was a civil engineer, and assisted Major Whistler of Baltimore in building the Railroad from St. Petersburg to Moscow in Russia: he died 15 Dec. 1898. Children:—

Albert Lewis Crane, b. 12 Oct. 1850, d. 1851.

Ellen E. Crane, b. 2 Aug. 1852.

Mary Alice Crane, b. 28 June 1854; m. 24 Feb. 1876, John H. Wason. They have two children.

Bertha Crane, b. 2 June 1856; d. 1857.

George Wm. Crane, b. 14 Feb. 1858, m. 31 Jan. 1900, Haven H. Patterson.

Emma W. Crane, b. 31 May 1860; m. 12 Oct. 1881, Tilton F. Fifield & has two children.

Children by second wife:—

HARRIET A., b. 7 Nov. 1835; m. 29 Dec. 1859, John E. Weatherbee; he d. 20 Mar. 1884; she died 17 Jan. 1895. Children:—

Henry Endicott Weatherbee, b. 24 Aug. 1862.

John H. Weatherbee, b. 19 May 1865; d. 26 Apr. 1873.

JOHN,[8] b. 27 Mar. 1839; m. 26 Feb. 1872, Helen M. Tucker; has one daughter, Helen Louise, born 29 July 1877.

EMMA JANE, b. 21 Apr. 1841; m. 25 June, 1884, Harrison E. Chadwick. They live in Bradford, Mass.

MATILDA, MARIETTA, } born 19 Aug. 1845.

CHARLOTTE E, b. 5 Aug. 1852, m. 22 Sept. 1880, Frank R. Bird of Canton. She died 6 Feb. 1898.

18. LUTHER[6] EATON, (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*[3], *John*,[2] *John*,[1]) born at Dedham 27 Aug. 1766, son of John[5] and Desire (Smith) Eaton; he inherited a portion of the Purgatory farm and added to its area by purchases. He had the title of Captain. He married 6 Mar. 1793, Lucy Ellis, born 3 Nov. 1771, daughter of John and Sibbel Ellis of South Dedham. He died 13 Nov. 1820. His wife died 15 Feb. 1847, aged 75 years. Children:—

LUCY, b. 4 June 1796; d. 7 Oct. 1800.
JOHN ELLIS, b. 22 Feb. 1798, d. 23 Oct. 1800.
MARIA, b. 14 Feb. 1800; d. 20 Dec. 1863.
21. LUTHER,[7] b. 18 July 1802.
JOHN ELLIS, b. 21 April 1804; d. 7 Oct. 1854.
22. JOEL,[7] b. 21 Jan. 1806.

21. LUTHER[7] EATON, (*Luther*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*,[1]) son of Luther[6] and Lucy (Ellis) Eaton, was born in Dedham 18 July 1802. He had an extensive farm where his father had lived, adjoining the farm of his cousin John[7] Eaton. He was Colonel of militia when a young man, and kept the title through life. He married, 2 June 1830, Eliza, daughter of James & Jemima Turner of Canton; and died 17 May 1876. She died 29 Sept. 1844, age 42. Child:—

LUTHER AUGUSTUS,[8] b. 21 Sept. 1837, m. Sarah White; he died 7 Jan. 1900. Children:—
Emma Eaton, b. 6 Feb. 1863; d. 5 Jan. 1879.
George H. Eaton, b. 9 May 1868.
Annie Louise Eaton, b. 29 Sept. 1869.
Charles H. Eaton, b. Feb. 1882.

22. JOEL[7] EATON, (*Luther*,[6] *John*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*,[1]) son of Luther[6] and Lucy (Ellis) Eaton was born at Dedham 21 Jan. 1806, lived in Dedham Village, and was a lumber dealer. He married 9 May 1841, Abigail, born 25 July 1810, daughter of Micah and Elizabeth (Edes) Walker of South Paris, Maine. He died 25

Nov. 1881. Mrs. Eaton died in Turner Centre, Maine, 14 May 1883. Children:—

JOEL,[8] b. 30 Mar. 1842, lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa, died Mar. 30, 1897.

LUCY ELIZABETH, b. 5 May 1844, has done great genealogical work on the Eatons of Dedham, and has earned the lasting gratitude of all the Eatons of the Dedham stock.

ABBY MARIA, b. 22 June 1847; d. 1848.

GRANVILLE NELSON, b. 23 Oct. 1849.

12. ROBERT[5] EATON, (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*,[1]) born at Dedham 13 April 1734, son of John[4] and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton, married Abigail Payne of Dedham, intention published 5 Oct. 1772. He sold his share in the Purgatory farm to his brother John and settled at Warwick, Franklin County, Mass., where he had a farm. His brother in law, Joshua Dean, Jr., and wife also settled in Warwick; and their brother John Eaton went there to visit them in February 1774. He died in Warwick, 25 March 1817. His wife died 14 July 1811, aged 72 years. Their only child:—

MARY DEXTER EATON, b. 3 May 1775, m. Amos Marsh, Jan. 1793. They lived in Warwick where she died 25 March 1804. Children:—

William Marsh, b. 7 Dec. 1793; went to New York.

Abigail Marsh, b. 12 Dec. 1795; went to Whitestown, near Utica, N. Y.

Mary Bradford Marsh, b. 7 June 1798.

Warren Dexter Marsh, b. 20 Sept. 1800; d. 1801.

13. THOMAS[5] EATON, (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *John*,[1]) born at Dedham 20 May 1743, son of John[4] and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton, was a farmer at Dedham. He married 26 Dec. 1769, Sarah Whiting of Dedham. The marriage was at the house of Capt. Fales. Two other couples were married at the same time, Isaac Eaton to Elizabeth Bacon, and Zechariah Whiting to Desire Guild. Two, if not all

of the pairs of young people were already engaged to be married, and while on a sleighing party met at the house of Capt. Fales- The story is that the Captain was a magistrate, and some one proposing that the couples should be married at once, they all stood up, and the ceremonies were promptly performed.

Mrs. Sarah Eaton died at Dedham 5 Dec. 1789, and Mr. Eaton was married in 1793 to Mrs. Elizabeth Fenno of Milton. Late in life he removed to Boston, and died there 27 June 1805. He was buried in the burial ground on Boston Common. Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton died in Dedham 24 Sept. 1801, aged 59 years. Children all by first wife:

AMASA, b. 11 Oct. 1771; d. 17 Feb. 1794.

23. JOSEPH,[6] bapt. 6 Feb. 1774; lived in Boston; d. 8 Feb. 1809; m. 8 Feb. 1798, Hannah Bass.

HANNAH, bapt. 4 Aug. 1776; m. James Shores, lived in Boston till after her father's death, and then removed to Waterville, Maine. Children:—

Sarah Aria Shores, b. 5 April 1802.

Thomas James Shores, b. 19 May 1809.

George Eaton Shores, b. 27 Mar. 1812; lived in Waterville.

SARAH, bapt. 28 Feb. 1779, m. Isaac Shepherd of Needham. They lived in Boston, where she died 4 Sept. 1809.

THOMAS, bapt. 26 Aug. 1781, was a saddler in Boston. He married, 1st, Mrs. Ruth Buck, and 2dly, Mary Nichols at Boston 26 Jan. 1823. He died 9 Dec. 1824, leaving no children.

24. REUBEN,[6] bapt. 2 May, 1784.

ITHAMA, bapt. 2 Jan. 1787, was a merchant in Montreal. When the war of 1812 broke out, he went to Burlington, Vt., and afterwards to Philadelphia, where he died unmarried in 1825.

23. JOSEPH[6] EATON (*Thomas*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of Thomas[5] and Sarah (Whiting) Eaton, was born at Dedham in 1774, was a housewright and settled in Boston, where he married 8 Feb., 1798, Hannah, daughter of Alden and Hannah (Tyler) Bass and great, great, grand-daughter of John Bass and Ruth Alden, daughter of John and Priscilla Alden. He died 8 Feb., 1809: Hannah died 17 Feb., 1816. Children:—

ELIZA, b. 9 Jan., 1799; d. unmarried 29 July, 1883.
CHARLOTTE, b. 17 June, 1800; d. in infancy.
CAROLINE, twin sister of Charlotte; also d. in infancy.
JOSEPH BASS, b. 25 Jan., 1803, m. 19 Oct., 1837, Charlotte H. Reed. He d. in Boston, 22 Nov., 1878.
EDWIN, b. 17 Oct., 1804; d. 21 March, 1823.
GEORGE THOMAS, b. 4 Aug., 1807: d. in infancy.

24. REUBEN[6] EATON (*Thomas*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of Thomas[5] and Sarah (Whiting) Eaton, was born at Dedham, 25 April, 1783; was a hatter in Boston. About 1812 he removed to Waterville, Maine, where he had a farm. He died 5 Oct., 1872, at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Eames, in Cambridge, Mass. He married 22 Jan., 1809, Mary Bridge. She was born 1 May, 1788, and died 6 March, 1870. Children:—

SARAH ANN, b. 5 Dec., 1809; d. 1817.
MARY BRIDGE, b. 30 Aug., 1811; m. 1 Feb., 1833, Peter G. Smith, and had five children.
HANNAH SHORES, b. 9 Aug., 1813; m. 1 April, 1835, Henry H. Eames. They reside at Cambridge, and have had eleven children.
THOMAS NATHANIEL BRIDGE, b. 24 July, 1815; m. 12 March, 1844, Rebecca F. Wilson, and lives at Wilmington, Del.
SARAH ANN, b. 28 May, 1817; d. 1818.

14. ISAAC[5] EATON (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of John[4] and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton was born at Dedham 31 July, 1745, and spent his life as a farmer in his

native town. He was a member of the first company of militia under the captaincy of his brother John. He married Elizabeth Bacon, 26 Dec., 1769. She died in a few years, and he married, 2dly, Sarah Carver of Dedham, 3 May, 1775. He died 17 Jan., 1822, and she died 10 Oct., 1844, aged 95 years. Children:—

ISAAC, b. 27 Jan., 1776; died in Boston, 13 Sept., 1838.

CALVIN, b. 6 Jan., 1778; d. 31 Aug., 1809.

SARAH, b. 19 May, 1782: m. 10 July, 1822, Rev. William Balch of New Salem. He died 31 Aug., 1822; she died 10 Oct., 1850; they had a son, Benjamin W. Balch.

25. LUTHER[6], b. 4 May, 1785.

25. LUTHER[6] EATON, (*Isaac*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of Isaac[5] and Sarah (Carver) Eaton, was born in Dedham, 4 May, 1785; settled at Eddington, Penobscot Co., Maine, where he married 1 Aug., 1816, Lucy Spooner Holland of Petersham, Mass., who was born 30 Sept., 1786. He died at Eddington, 12 Feb., 1852. She died at Bangor, 21 April, 1863. Children:—

SARAH CARVER, b. June 27, 1817; m. Dec. 24, 1835, Andrew Thatcher Palmer, who died 25 June, 1858. No children.

CALVIN, b. 25 July, 1819; d. 1820.

LUTHER HOLLAND, b. 23 Oct., 1821; lived in Bangor; m. 30 Oct., 1854, Lydia Lane; died 17 Jan., 1878. Had three children.

ELIZABETH WINSLOW, b. 17 July, 1824.

LUCY ANNA, b. 22 July, 1827; d. at Bangor, 5 Feb., 1862.

CLARISSA DWIGHT, b. 24 Sept., 1830.

15. JOSEPH[5] EATON, (*John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of John[4] and Elizabeth (Lovering) Eaton, was born at Dedham 28 March, 1748, and lived there. He married 20 Dec., 1770, Mary, daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Whiting) Fairbanks, and died 24 Sept., 1772. His widow married 9 May, 1775, John Dean of South Dedham, and

was grandmother of the second wife of the seventh John Eaton of Dedham. Children :—

MARY, b 26 Nov., 1771, d. 1772.

JOANNA, b. 1 March, 1773. She m. at Boston, 13 Aug., 1792, Richard Colburn. (*Boston Records, also Trinity Church Records.*) Children :—

Warren Colburn, b. 1 Mar. 1793, was a graduate of Harvard College, a skilled mathematician, and the author of several school books. He died in Lowell, 13 Sept., 1833 ; married 28 Aug., 1823, Temperance Cordelia Horton of Boston. They had five children.

Roxanna Colburn, b. 10 Dec., 1794 ; m. 30 July, 1813, Elijah Thompson of Walpole. Had four children.

Nancy Colburn, b. 22 Dec., 1796 ; m. Oliver Clapp of Walpole. Had one son.

Mary Colburn, b. 19 May, 1799 ; m. 24 May, 1817, David Cook of Newport, R. I. Had eight children.

Leonard Colburn, b. 31 Dec., 1801 ; d. unm., 3 April, 1853.

Joanna Colburn, b. 21 June, 1804 ; m. Lyman Pratt of Charlton, Mass. Had four children.

Elizabeth Phillips Colburn, b. 25 Feb., 1808 ; m. Ezra Keyes, and lived in Norwood. Had five children.

Joseph Eaton Colburn, b. 29 March, 1812 ; m. Ann Kimball. He d. 4 March, 1840. Had two children.

Samuel Richard Colburn, b. 3 Nov., 1815 ; m. Caroline Burt of Tewksbury. Had one child.

(For an account of Warren Colburn, see REGISTER of April, 1894.)

4. THOMAS[3] EATON, (*John*[2], *John*[1]), son of John[2] and Alice Eaton, was born at Dedham, 23 July, 1675, and lived there until the time of his marriage, 1697, when he removed to Roxbury for a year or two. By 1702 or 1703 he was living in Woodstock, Conn., where he purchased

the original share of land and the rights belonging to Nathaniel Gary. In 1722 he went to Ashford, Conn. He was a man of considerable wealth. The inventory of his estate was for £4080 real, and £935 personal. He married at Dedham 5 Oct., 1697, Lydia, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Starr) Gay, born 12 Aug., 1679. She was first cousin to Mary and Lydia Starr, who married the younger brothers of Thomas Eaton. He died at Ashford, 14 Aug., 1748, and his wife died 29 Aug., 1748. Children:—

THOMAS, b. at Roxbury, 13 Sept., 1698.
LYDIA.
HANNAH, d. 20 Dec., 1748.
NATHANIEL[4], b. at Woodstock, 8 June, 1704.
DAVID, b. at Woodstock, 21 July, 1706.
JOSHUA, b. at Woodstock, 23 Sept., 1709.
ANNE, b. at Woodstock, 31 May, 1712; m. Seth Johnson.
EBENEZER, b. at Woodstock, 15 Aug., 1715; d. 19 Dec., 1739.
EPHRAIM, b. at Woodstock, 15 Aug., 1715; d. young.

9. JOSIAH[4] EATON, (*William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), born at Dedham, 4 April, 1711, son of William[3] and Mary (Starr) Eaton, removed to Needham, and probably settled on a farm inherited from his father; he was also a blacksmith. He married, 28 April, 1736, Sarah, born 20 July, 1715, daughter of Ralph and Elizabeth (Ellis) Day of Dedham. He died at Needham, 23 April, 1796, and his wife died there, 7 May, 1803. Children:—

SARAH, b. 19 Aug., 1737; m. 5 May, 1770, Jesse Kingsbury of Needham. He died 11 Aug., 1787; and she died 11 Feb., 1810. They had three children.
BEULAH, b. 22 March, 1739; d. 3 April, 1747.
JOSIAH, b. 18 Jan., 1741; d. 9 Aug., 1741.
SILENCE, b. 8 June, 1742; d. unm., 1 Aug. 1821.
26. EBENEZER[5], b. 29 March, 1744.
27. JOHN[5], b. 7 June, 1746.
JOSIAH, b. 16 Aug., 1748; d. 29 Oct., 1776.
28. JONATHAN[5], b. 11 Aug., 1750.

MARY, b. 26 Feb., 1753; m. 19 Aug., 1776, Joseph Kingsbury of Needham. She d. 29 Oct., 1805. He d. 20 June, 1820. They had seven children.

29. WILLIAM[5], b. 10 April, 1755.

26. EBENEZER[5] EATON, *(Josiah[4], William[3], John[2], John[1],)* born at Needham, 29 March, 1744, went first to Westminster, Mass., perhaps about 1770, for "Mr. Ebenezer Eaton of Westminster and Miss Sarah Humphrey of Dedham were married Sept. 2d, 1773." Mrs. Sarah Eaton died 12 Oct., 1784. He married, probably the next year, Joanna, daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Richardson of Templeton, baptized 27 July, 1766. They removed to Gardner. He died 18 Dec., 1800, and his widow married Simeon Metcalfe, 16 Feb., 1801, and lived in Barre, where she died about 1803. Children by first wife:—

EBENEZER, b. 21 Nov., 1774; m. 1st, Lydia Chamberlain; 2dly, Eunice Ramsdell. Had six children

JONAS, b. 3 Oct., 1776; m. Sally Powers. He died 4 Aug., 1813. Had five children.

SARAH, b. 6 April, 1779; m. 1 Feb., 1808, Enoch Hall, and went to Dover, Vt. She married, 2dly, Elijah Baldwin.

HUMPHREY, b. 24 Nov., 1782; d. 12 Aug., 1849.

Children by second wife:—

BETSEY, b. 26 May, 1786; d. 4 April, 1795.

GEORGE, b. 19 Feb., 1788; m. Apphia Smith, and died in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 7 March, 1863.

CLARISSA, b. 6 July, 1790; d. 5 April, 1795.

27. JOHN[5] EATON *(Josiah[4], William[3], John[2], John[1],)* was born at Needham, 7 June, 1746. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was present at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne. He married Mary Larkin of Lancaster, 17 May, 1779; lived in Gardner, Mass., and died there 24 Nov., 1827. His wife died 22 Sept., 1817. Children:—

LUCY, b. 31 May, 1783; m. —— Boyden.

JOSIAH, b. 13 Jan., 1787; d. 7 Dec., 1862, at Ashburnham.

MARY, b. 1 Jan., 1790; m. 10 Jan., 1811, Isaac Williams.
JOHN, b. 3 Aug., 1792; d. in Gardner, 1 March, 1865.
NANCY, b. 6 July, 1795; m. 25 Oct., 1822, Joseph Wright.
PETER, b. 27 Dec., 1799; d. in Gardner, 12 Nov., 1873.

28. JONATHAN[5] EATON (*Josiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born at Needham, 11 Aug., 1750. He lived at Gardner, Mass., and married 27 Nov., 1790, Beulah Ward. She was his cousin, daughter of his aunt, Abiel Eaton, and her husband, John Ward, of Newton. She was born 29 June, 1757. Jonathan died at Gardner in Aug., 1819. Children:—

BEULAH, b. 29 Dec., 1791, d. 1801.
JONATHAN, b. 13 Sept., 1794, d. 1795.
JOSEPH, b. 7 Jan., 1796; d. same year.
BENJAMIN, b. 7 Jan., 1796; d. same year.
JONATHAN, b. 3 June, 1798.
REBECCA, b. 1 Oct., 1801, d. 1821.

29. WILLIAM[5] EATON (*Josiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born at Needham 10 April, 1755, and lived all his life on the old homestead in that town; was a "minute man," and was at the fight at Lexington. He married 15 Dec., 1785, Sarah, daughter of Eliphalet Kingsbury. He died 14 Jan., 1839; his wife died 28 Dec., 1840, aged 75 years. Children:—

SALLY, b. 14 Nov., 1786; d. 1791.
NABBY, b. 12 April, 1789; d. 1791.
LUCY, b. 10 Aug., 1791; d. 14 Oct., 1834.
30. WILLIAM[6], b. 24 July, 1793.
SALLY, b. —— ——; d. 17 Aug., 1803.
31. JOSIAH[6], b. 21 Feb., 1807.
LOUISA, b. 16 Nov., 1811; m. 5 May, 1841, George L. Kingsbury of Needham, and has one daughter, Sarah Louisa, b. 30 April, 1847, who m. 22 Dec., 1870, F. L. Fuller of Needham.

30. WILLIAM[6] EATON (*William*[5], *Josiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born at Needham 24 July, 1793, and lived there. He was a house builder, and frequently an

officer of the town and church. He was tall and strong in person, and was esteemed for his liberality, common sense, and faithfulness to every duty and trust. He married, 17 June, 1819, Sally, daughter of Abiathar and Meribah (Fuller) Johnson. He died 21 Dec., 1876; his wife died 4 Nov., 1856. Children, born at Needham:—

George Emerson, b. 2 Dec., 1819.

Emily, b. 4 Oct., 1821; m. 1 May, 1845, George H. Gay.

Augustus, b. 16 Feb., 1823.

Charles, b. 9 July, 1824; d. 26 Dec., 1826.

Ellen Elizabeth, b. 5 March, 1826; m. 20 April, 1848, John F. J. Mayo.

Mary Jane, b. 12 Aug., 1828.

Adeline Maria, b. 15 Oct., 1830; m. 26 May, 1864, John M. Harris.

Charles William, b. 23 May, 1833.

Everett Johnson, b. 23 Dec., 1837; d. 8 June, 1896.

31. Josiah[6] Eaton, (*William*[5], *Josiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), born at Needham, 21 Feb., 1807, and lived there until 1865, when he removed to Roxbury. He married Mary Horton of Canton, 1 Dec., 1831. She was born Jan. 16, 1807; died 18 May, 1867; he died 1 April, 1889. Children:—

Caroline, b. 7 May, 1832; m. 29 July, 1863, William F. Bell of Roxbury.

Josiah, b. April, 1836; d. 1838.

Josiah, b. 28 Oct., 1839.

10. Jeremiah[4] Eaton, (*William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of William[3] and Mary (Starr) Eaton, was born at Dedham 4 March, 1716; lived in Needham, probably on land inherited from his father. He married, 28 Feb., 1751, Elizabeth Woodcock; they both died about 1792-1800. Children:—

Jeremiah[5], b. 15 Nov., 1751; went with his brothers and sister to Hancock, N. H., and died unmarried, 19 April, 1844.

32. Moses[5], b. 19 June, 1753.
Elizabeth, b. 2 Nov., 1755; d. 26 April, 1783.
33. Lemuel[5], b. 26 Feb., 1758.
34. Samuel[5], b. 20 Oct., 1760.
Beulah, bapt. 24 July, 1763; d. 15 June, 1792.
Hannah, b. 29 April, 1766; d. 29 Oct., 1792.
Alice, b. 19 March, 1770; m. May, 1805, Ebenezer Ware, and removed to Hancock, N. H., and died there in 1853. He died 7 Oct., 1857.

32. Moses[5] Eaton, (*Jeremiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2] *John*[1]), son of Jeremiah[4] and Elizabeth (Woodcock) Eaton, was born at Needham 19 June, 1753. He lived in Needham till 1793, when he removed to Hancock, N. H., where he was a farmer for many years. He married, 1st, Lois Scott, and after her death, Esther Ware of Needham, 31 Dec., 1789. He died in Dublin, N. H., 18 Feb., 1833, and Esther died 22 Oct., 1850. Children:—

Anna, b. at Needham, 13 July, 1783; probably d. young.
Lois, b. at Needham, 1785; m. Moses Dennis of Hancock, and d. in 1816.
Elizabeth, b. at Needham, 16 May, 1791; d. 1792.
Hannah, b. at Needham, 1 Dec., 1792; d. 1793.
Moses, b. at Hancock, 3 Aug, 1796.
Esther, b. at Hancock, 6 Aug., 1798; m. 16 March, 1820, Daniel Fiske of Dublin; she d. 2 Dec., 1858.
Rhoda, b. at Hancock, 13 Jan., 1806; m. 22 Dec., 1831, Nathan Holt of Dublin; died 1875.

33. Lemuel[5] Eaton, (*Jeremiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of Jeremiah[4] and Elizabeth (Woodcock) Eaton, was born at Needham 26 Feb., 1758; was a soldier of the Revolution; was in service when the British evacuated Boston, and later was in service at Ticonderoga; towards the close of the war he was stationed at the Castle in Boston Harbor. He married in Needham, 16 Feb., 1792, Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer and Esther Ware. They soon removed to Hancock, N. H., and lived there

greatly respected. He died 11 Oct., 1843; and his wife died 1 Nov., 1845, aged 78 years. Children:—

LEMUEL, b. 16 Oct., 1794.
EBENEZER, b. 20 March, 1797; d. 14 Nov., 1810.
TIMOTHY, b. 1 Aug., 1799.

34. SAMUEL[5] EATON, (*Jeremiah*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), son of Jeremiah[4] and Elizabeth (Woodcock) Eaton, was born at Needham 20 Oct., 1760. He was a soldier of the Revolution, having enlisted so young that he had to stuff the soles of his boots to make himself appear tall enough to pass muster. He went with his brothers to Hancock, N. H., was a farmer, and died 2 July, 1825. He married Lucy Jewell of Stow, Mass., 8 July, 1799. She died 7 April, 1828. Children:—

LUCY, b. 7 Oct., 1800; d. unm. 15 April, 1825.
REBECCA, b. 23 May, 1802; m. Hiram Fairfield in 1850.
JOHN, b. 19 Sept., 1803.
BETSEY, b. 12 June, 1806; was second wife of Daniel Fiske of Dublin, whose first wife was her cousin, Esther Eaton. She died 2 Oct., 1881.

6. JONATHAN[3] EATON, (*John*[2], *John*[1]), was born at Dedham 3 Sept., 1681, son of John[2] and Alice Eaton. He went to Connecticut in 1703 and bought land at Woodstock, in part now Putnam. In 1702 he paid taxes in Dedham; in 1704 in Woodstock; and in 1705 in Dedham only, being "eased from all the rates" in Woodstock by special vote of the town. He attended church at Woodstock until the establishment of a church in Killingly in 1730, of which he was chosen first deacon. His wife was the second daughter of Comfort and Mary Starr of Dedham, born 8 Feb., 1687, and called Abiah, but baptized at Watertown as Lydia, 17 June, 1688. Deacon Jonathan Eaton died 25 June, 1748, aged 67. His wife died 4 March, 1751. Children, recorded at Woodstock:—

LYDIA, b. 5 Nov., 1707; m. 25 Jan., 1731, Philemon Chandler of Pomfret, and had two children; he died 5

Jan., 1736; she m. (2dly) 7 March, 1737, Edward Goodale.

KEZIAH, b. 24 May, 1710; m. 20 Jan., 1732, Deliverance Cleveland of Canterbury. She died 19 Sept., 1742. Had five children.

ALICE, b. 28 Nov., 1712; m. 18 Feb., 1736, Joseph Leavens, Jr., of Killingly, and had six children.

SUSANNA, b. 8 April, 1715; m. Thomas Grou of Pomfret.

JERUSHA, b. 16 April, 1717; m. John Bucklin of Coventry, R. 1.

HANNAH, b. 17 Aug., 1719; m. Seth Johnson of Thompson, and had six children.

JONATHAN, b. 10 Nov., 1721; lived in Berkshire County, Mass.

JOHN, b. 18 May, 1724; moved to Adams, Mass; d. 19 Sept., 1788.

PENELOPE, b. 21 March, 1727.

COMFORT, b. 25 Sept., 1729

MARSTON, b. 21 Oct., 1731; d. 3 May, 1776.

20. HANNAH[7] EATON (*John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born in Dedham 5 Oct., 1803, daughter of John and Hannah (Endicott) Eaton; she married 2 June, 1830, GEORGE ALDEN of Dedham. His parents were Amasa and Martha (Davenport) Alden of Dedham. (Martha was baptized "Patty," and Patty is the name on her monument in the Dedham cemetery.) Amasa Alden and his wife removed temporarily to the town of *Packersfield, N. H.*, and engaged in the business of sheep-raising; the name of the town was changed 1 Oct., 1814, by act of legislature, to "*Nelson*," and in *Nelson* records is:—"George Alden, son of Amasa Alden and Patty his wife, was born in Packersfield Sept. 1, 1804." Before the year 1812, the family moved back to Dedham George Alden was a grocer; he was also Crier of the Court and Deputy Sheriff of Norfolk County for many years. He was a ready and easy public speaker at Town, Church, and School district meetings. He died in Dedham 25

Aug., 1862 His wife died 6 March, 1878. Children, born in Dedham:—

35. Martha Eaton Alden, b. 1 July, 1831.
36. George Edward Alden, b. 3 April, 1833, m. 14 Oct., 1858, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Joseph F. and Eleanor (Clapp) Trott, b. 19 Dec., 1833.
37. John Eaton Alden, b. 13 June, 1835.

35. Martha Eaton[8] Alden (*Hannah Eaton*[7], *John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born in Dedham 1 July, 1831, daughter of George and Hannah (Eaton) Alden; married 23 Jan., 1853, Horace E. Browne of Charlestown, b. 28 March, 1832; she died 24 Feb., 1876; Horace died 12 Nov., 1889. Children:—

Elizabeth Leighton Browne, b. 7 Jan., 1854; m. 13 Nov., 1879, Weston F. Hutchins; they have one son, *Fernald Hutchins*, b. 28 Feb., 1881.

Alice Browne, b. 18 Nov., 1855; m. 26 Jan., 1899, Edward Browne Hunt.

Helen Alden Browne, b. 11 Oct., 1858.

Emily Bramhall Browne, b. 14 Oct., 1860.

37. John Eaton[8] Alden (*Hannah Eaton*[7], *John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), was born in Dedham 13 June, 1835, son of George and Hannah (Eaton) Alden; married 3 Nov., 1859, Eleanor C., daughter of Joseph F. and Eleanor (Clapp) Trott of Lowell; she was born 19 March, 1838. They lived in Boston till November, 1882, when they removed to Newton. Children, all born in Boston:—

38. Mary Eleanor Alden, b. 13 Feb., 1861.
39. Martha Elizabeth Alden, b. 8 Jan., 1865.
40. John Trott Alden, b. 26 July, 1874. (Mass. Ins. Tech., 1897.)
41. Priscilla Endicott Alden, b. 28 Nov., 1877.

38. Mary Eleanor[9] Alden, (*John Eaton Alden*[8], *Hannah Eaton*[7], *John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), born 13 Feb., 1861, daughter of John E. and Eleanor C.

(Trott) Alden; married 21 June, 1883. SAMUEL STURGIS CROCKER of Barnstable, son of Daniel C. and Charlotte (Howes) Crocker. He was born 24 Aug., 1858. They live in Newton. Children, all born in Newton:—

ELEANOR CROCKER, b. 29 June, 1885.
SAMUEL STURGIS CROCKER, b. 29 March, 1890.
MARGARET CROCKER, b. 23 Feb., 1893.
JOHN ALDEN CROCKER, b. 22 Nov., 1896.

39. MARTHA ELIZABETH[9] ALDEN, (*John Eaton Alden*[8], *Hannah Eaton*[7], *John*[6], *John*[5], *John*[4], *John*[3], *John*[2], *John*[1]), born 8 Jan., 1865, daughter of John E. and Eleanor C. (Trott) Alden, married 29 Sept., 1887, ALPHEUS STETSON BAKER, son of Joseph F. and Sarah W. (Stetson) Baker; he was born 6 Feb., 1860. They live in Brookline, and have one child, born in Newton:—

FRANCES JOSEPHINE BAKER, b. 13 Oct., 1888.

Note. The Genealogical Dictionary by James Savage, Vol. 2, page 95, says:

JOHN EATON of Watertown . . . removed to Dedham, had by w. Abigail, b. there, JOHN, 6 Jan., 1640, (in transcrib. from the orig. town rec. the County registrar made this name ABIGAIL . . . wh. example should serve for caution to all readers of pretended records.) JOHN of Dedham, perhaps son of first John; had w. ALICE, who d. 9 May, 1694; and he d. 28 Oct., following.

Whereas; The town records clearly state that *Abigail* was born 6 Jany., 1640 (6 of the 11 mo. 1639;) and the evidence tends to show that *John*[2] was born in 1636; that he died Dec. 24, 1715; and it was *John*[3], who died Oct. 28, 1694.

ANN EATON.

By John Eaton Alden.

(From Dedham Historical Register, January, 1895.)

Ann Whiting was the fourteenth and youngest child of Nathaniel and Hannah (Dwight) Whiting, of Dedham, and was born January 25, 1672-3. The birth is recorded twice in the Dedham Records, but the date of her first marriage is not given. It was probably about 1694 that she was married to John Eaton, Jr., son of John[2] and Alice Eaton, born Sept. 17, 1671. Her young husband died Oct. 28, 1694, and their child, John Eaton, was born five months after his father's death, namely, April 4, 1695, thus continuing the line of John Eatons. This boy was the fourth, beginning with one of the first settlers of the town, and four others have succeeded him, bringing the line to the present day, father and son for eight generations named John Eaton; and a large number of descendants can trace their ancestry to this boy, who was born an orphan.

Ann and her boy went home and lived with her mother for six years, (see Register, October, 1893, page 142), and then, according to an expression much used in old wills in Middlesex County, "it pleased the Lord to provide for her by a second marriage." The record was, "John Lewis of Dorchester and Ann Eaton of Dedham, married April 4, 1700. (The above Ann Eaton, widow of John Eaton, Jr., and daughter of N. and H. Whiting)."

They had five children, viz.:

1. Mary, b. April 1, 1701. 2. John, b. Jan. 18, 1702-3. 3. Ebenezer, b. May 29, 1705. 4. Jonathan, b. Dec. 6, 1708. 5. Barachiah, b. Oct. 28, 1710. The names of the parents at these births were set down in the Dorchester Records, as follows: John Lues; John and An Lewes; John Lewes; John and Anne Lewis; John and Ann Lewes; neither entry being exactly right.

It thus appears that Ann (Eaton) Lewis had two sons named John, both living at one time, viz., John Eaton and John Lewis.

On January 11, 1710, Jonathan Whiting, of Roxbury, the boy's uncle, was appointed "guardian of John Eaton, aged 15 years or upwards, son of John Eaton, late of Dedham, deceased."

SUFFOLK PROBATE RECORDS, VOL. 17, p. 161.

11 January, 1710.

John Eaton aged 15 years and upwards son to John Eaton late of Dedham deceased, Have chosen and appointed my Trusty Friend Jonathan Whiting of Roxbury, weaver, to be my Guardian for me and to my use to ask demand sue for, recover receive and take into his Custody all such part and portion of estate left by my said Father or by any other ways or means whatsoever which of right doth appertain and belong to me and manage the same for my advantage and Education during my minority.

This Jonathan Whiting, son of N. and H. Whiting, was born in Roxbury (see Roxbury Records), probably in what is now West Roxbury, 9 October, 1667.

Sept. 1, (or 10), 1718, John Lewis died. He owned property in Dorchester and Dedham, of which the widow received her portion.

She was administratrix of her husband's estate, and in 1720 sold some land to her son John Eaton; the deed was not recorded, and is preserved in the family papers; by it we learn that her house had been burned.

"Date 10 June A D. 1720, acknowledged 10 Nov. 1720. Know ye that whereas the Law of this Province directs that where persons decease Intestate and their Moveable Estates and Chattels are not sufficient to pay their Just debts The Superior Court shall impower . . . sale of Real Estate . . . . and whereas I Anne Lewis of Dorchester widow Relick and Administratrix to ye Estate of my husband John Lewis Late of Dorchester deceased Intestate have in a petition to his majesty's Superior Court of Judicature held in Boston the first Tuesday of May 1719 Set forth that there remained Due from the Estate of the said John Lewis the sum of one hundred and forty five

pounds seventeen shillings and I hav improuved all his personal estate in discharging his debts save only about thirty three pounds ten shillings & a penny, Great part thereof being Household Stuff &c. was consumed by fire when my dwelling house was burnt Down so that I was not able to pay his Just debts . . . and I ye s^d^ Anne Lewis being ordered and Impowered by ye Court to sell such Real Estate as will make up One hundred and sixty pounds . . . I the said Anne Lewis for the sum of Ten pounds payd by John Eaton of Dorchester (Coard winder), have sold unto him five acres of Swamp lying in a swamp called Purgatory swamp in Dorchester being part of the Fourth Lott in said Swamp, together with all the Timber, Trees, wood, grass, herbage and waters thereon . . . and I covenant with him that the Granted premises is clear acquited from all former and other Gifts Grants Sales Leases Mortgages Joyntures Thirds Entailes Judgements Executions or Legal Molestations & incumbaances whatsover. . .

In presence of

Mariana Lynde — Ann **A** Lewis (Seal)
Samuel Valentine — her Marke

Boston 10 Nov. 1720.

Acknowledged before me one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace. Samuel Lynde.

Another deed, also not recorded, is of a sale of land by John Lewis (the younger) to his (half) brother John Eaton:—

"Date 27 Feb. 1725, acknowledged Dec. 2, 1726. I, John Lewis of Dorchester for £10. paid by John Eaton of Dorchester, sell to the sd John Eaton six acres of swamp in Dorchester in Purgatory Swamp it being the sixteenth lot in number abutting on the upland that formerly was Mr. Will Stoughton, Esq. . . .

In presence of us — John Lewis (Seal)
Rebecca Hubbard
Elizabeth Brenton.

After seven years Ann married third time, and we find in the Dorchester records that "James Herring of Roxbury and Ann Lewis of Dorchester were married 11 August, 1725."

James Herring died March 1732, aged 76, his grave being in the cemetery near the West Roxbury Railroad station. He left a will by which he gives "to my dear and loving wife, Ann Herring, all that estate which she brought with her at our marriage. I also give unto her the use, Benefit and Improvement of the west end of my dwelling house with the income of one full third part of my whole Estate. . . . I also give her Fifty Pounds money, or if she dies . . . it is to be equally distributed amongst all her children."

The estate was valued at £788. He left no children, and gives the balance of his property to his nephew and namesake, James Herring, son of Thomas Herring, of Dedham.

Ann (Whiting) Eaton Lewis Herring lived seventeen years longer, and was then laid in the Dedham Cemetery, near her first husband, the inscription on her gravestone being:

"Here lyes buried the Body of Mrs. Ann Herring, the wife of Mr. James Herring, died March 9, 1749, in ye 77th year of her age."

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